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1. The SNB Battalion "Jerab" was stationed in JACHYMOV (N 51/ /K60) and was subordinate to SNB Unit No 9600 in PRAGUE-VRSOVICE.* The battalion headquarters was located at the crossroads near the Panorama Hotel.
 2. The battalion was to do guard and escort duty and carry out orders of the State Security Service (STB) in the mining areas of JACHYMOV and PRIBRAM (N 50/L 53). It represented the highest police authority in JACHYMOV and acted on orders of the Soviets and the mining administration.
 3. The following officers were known:

CO of the battalion: 1st Lt Oldrich HROMADKO, 26, fanatic Communist, a former STB officer, also superior to the STB personnel in the battalion.

CO of the SNB personnel: Staff Capt Antonin CHLEBOUN, 34, a Communist in charge of only the SNB personnel in the battalion.

Dpty CO: 1st Lt SACH, 27, a fanatic Communist

Investigation Officer: 2d Lt DOUDA

CO of STB personnel: MINARIK, 34, 6 feet 3 inches, a fanatic Communist.

Political District Secretary SNB-KSC: 2d Lt Jaroslav KLIMA, 24 years old.
 4. The SNB battalion furnished guard units for the following localities:

JACHYMOV: "Jerab I" of about 60 men, guarding the Svornost pit and the prisoner camp. All the unit personnel were replaced by SNB personnel from Slovakia in late July 1949.

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JACHYMOV: "Jerab II" of about 80 men, guarding the PW base camp and escorting work details.

ZATISI: "Jerab III" of about 60 men, guarding the Prativstvi pit.

VRSEK (WERLSBERG N 51/A 60): "Jerab IV" of about 120 men, guarding the Elias and Irene pits.

MARIANSKA (MARIASORG N 51/K 60): "Jerab V" of about 140 men, guarding the Rovnost pit and the convict camp.

VYKMANOV (WEIDNESGRUEN N 51/K 60): "Jerab VI" of about 180 men, guarding the convict camp.

HORNI SLAVKOV (SCHLAGGENWALD N 51/P 68): "Jerab VII" of about 120 men.

PRIBRAM (N 50/L 53): "Jerab VIII" of about 130 men, commanded by 2d Lt Prantisek LAUR.

TRUTNOV (O 51/G 74): Small detail to guard the newly opened uranium pits.

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5. The PRIBRAM unit [] was subordinate to the JACHYMOV SNE unit commanded by 1st Lt HROMADKO. The PRIBRAM unit, commanded by 2d Lt LAUR, had a strength of 82 men and was quartered in a cantonment building between ZEZICE and LESETICE (N 50/L 53). The unit was armed with 30 Soviet submachine guns, 4 Czech heavy machine guns and 500 hand grenades. It guarded German PWs.

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[] Comment:

- * The SNE Battalion "Jerab" was previously known to have the surname "Kladivo". It is assumed that the battalion changed only its surname, since 1st Lt HROMADKO was always identified as the CO.

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